

# The Mystery at the Birdfeeder

## Overview for Teachers

The story is narrated by Purdy the English setter who finds the birdfeeder on the ground one winter morning. Since she is the custodian of the yard she is responsible to investigate.

Purdy asks Carl the Cardinal for help looking for clues. He and several other birds join in to help.

The photography adds to the reality of the mystery and assists the student in recognizing the birds outdoors.

When Purdy hears rustling in the woods he alerts everyone to watch for a possible culprit. Turkeys arrive and tell Purdy they didn't do it. This is an opportunity to stress perseverance.

Some large tracks are spotted. Then the deer arrives and confesses. Point out honesty. Purdy has solved the mystery and takes a nap. Pride in self accomplishment and success is its own reward can be emphasized.

